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I think this settlement is a gross attempt by microsoft to further monopolize the software market. Teaching their software in schools (software which will account for most of the revenue of the settlement) will only teach those children to rely on Microsoft products. This is exactly what Microsoft wants so that they may maintain their stronghold on the 'wintel' software market. If they really wanted to make a contribution to the education of America's children, Microsoft would make available multiple platforms (Windows, UNIX/Linux, Mac OS/OSX) on which to develop different types of software. Training should also be provided free of charge or at cost via world wide web (we do live in the digital age after all, don't we)? The best solution would be to have Microsoft include only hardware as part of the cost of settlement as the software that they would be giving is essentially costless for them. Money saved by using free/public domain software could be use to buy hardware in greater numbers as opposed to the current settlement. With all that hardware in schools, there is a plethora of free operating system and application software that could be used to help alot more children gain proficiency with computers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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